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SUBJECT: US-USSR WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT: BIOLOGICAL

PRODUCTIVITY MEETING (06.04); DATA EXCHANGE MEETING (06.06)

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1. SCIOFF CONTACTED METAL'NIKOV OF SCST FEBRUARY 26 AND REQUESTED ASAP SOVIET RESPONSES TO SUGGESTED TIMING OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY MEETING AND TO QUESTIONS ON SCHEDULING, TOPICS OF DISCUSSION, AND DELEGATION COMPOSITION FOR DATA EXCHANGE MEETING.

2. ON BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY MEETING, METAL'NIKOV NOTED THAT TIMING IN LATE APRIL WOULD BE PREFERABLE BECAUSE OF VARIOUS PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS OF DELEGATION MEMBERS.

3. METAL'NIKOV ALSO NOTED THAT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN OBTAINING AEROFLOT TICKETS FOR DATA EXCHANGE DELEGATION MIGHT FORCE POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING BY ONE WEEK.

4. WHEN SCIOFF PRESSED FOR MORE DEFINIE RESPONSES TO CONVEY TO PROJECT CO-CHAIRMEN, METAL'NIKOV PROMISED TO TELEPHONE TO MARTINEAU ON FEBRUARY 27 AND INFORM HIM DIRECTLY OF SOVIET RESPONSES RE SUBJECT MEETINGS. METAL'NIKOV FURTHER STATED HE WOULD FOLLOW UP ON TELEPHONE CALL WITH CABLES TO US PROJECT CO-CHAIRMEN, INFORMATION COPIES OF WHICH HE WOULD SEND TO EMBASSY.

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5. EMBASSY WILL AGAIN CONTACT METAL'NIKOV TO CONFIRM (A) THAT FEBRUARY 27 TELEPHONE CALL TO MARTINEAU IS COMPLETED AS PLANNED AND (B) THAT CABLES SENT TO PROJECT CO-CHAIRMEN AS STATED. UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION COPIES OF CABLES TO CO-CHAIRMEN, EMBASSY WILL CABLE TEXTS TO DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE TIMELY TRANSMITTAL.

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